

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

LEVARN SMITH, JR., et al.,

Case No. 1:23-cv-736

Plaintiffs,

v.

HON. ROBERT J. JONKER

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS,

Defendant.

THIRD CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Completion of Discovery	JUNE 18, 2025
Dispositive Motions	JULY 31, 2025
ADR To Take Place On Or Before:	AUGUST 29, 2025

1. **DISCOVERY**: All discovery proceedings shall be completed no later than the date set forth in the table above, and shall not continue beyond this date. All interrogatories, requests for admissions, and other written discovery requests must be served no later than thirty days before the close of discovery. All depositions must be completed before the close of discovery. Interrogatories will be limited as set forth in the table above. Depositions will be limited as set forth in the table above. There shall be no deviations from this order without prior approval of the court upon good cause shown. Time limitations for depositions set forth in Rule 30(d)(1) apply to this case.
2. **MOTIONS**:
 - a. Non-dispositive motions shall be filed in accordance with W.D. Mich. LCivR 7.3. They may be referred to a magistrate judge in Grand Rapids, Michigan, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 471, et seq., it is the policy of this Court to prohibit the consideration of discovery motions unless accompanied by a certification that the moving parties have made a reasonable and good faith effort to reach agreement with opposing counsel on the matters set forth in the motion.
 - b. Dispositive motions shall be filed in accordance with W.D. Mich. LCivR 7.2 by the date set forth in the table above. If dispositive motions are based on supporting documents such as depositions or answers to interrogatories, only those excerpts which are relevant to the motion shall be filed. The case manager will notify counsel of the date for oral argument.
3. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**: In the interest of facilitating prompt resolution of this case, and the parties having voluntarily selected facilitative mediation, this matter shall be submitted to facilitative mediation. The parties have fourteen (14) days from the date of this Order

to jointly choose one mediator from the list of court certified mediators.¹ Plaintiffs are responsible for e-filing notification of the name of the selected mediator. If the parties are unable to jointly select a mediator, they must notify the ADR Administrator², who will select a mediator for them. Once the mediator is selected, a Notice will issue regarding the method and schedule for the mediation conference.

Dated: March 20, 2025

/s/ Robert J. Jonker
ROBERT J. JONKER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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